

CLAIMS:

1. A collapsible shade comprising:
at least one material portion having an outer edge defining a perimeter boundary; and
at least one compressible member attached to the outer edge of the at least one material portion and extending beyond the perimeter boundary of the at least one material portion;
wherein said at least one compressible member comprises a first and a second opposed end attached to the outer edge of the at least one material portion;
wherein said compressible member forms at least one arc between the first and second opposed ends when attached to the outer edge of the material portion;
wherein said at least one compressible member has an open configuration associated with an open state of said shade, and a collapsed configuration associated with a collapsed state of said shade; and
wherein said at least one compressible member in said open configuration is adapted to transfer compressive forces to said outer edge of said material portion.
2. The collapsible shade of claim 1 comprising two compressible members.
3. The collapsible shade of claim 2 wherein a first of the compressible members is attached to a first portion of the outer edge of the material portion and a second of the compressible members is attached to a second portion of the outer edge of the material portion, said second portion being opposed to the first portion.
4. The collapsible shade of claim 3 wherein the first and second opposed ends of the first compressible member are attached to the first portion of the outer edge of the material

portion, thereby forming a single arc between the first and second opposed ends of the first compressible member.

5. The collapsible shade of claim 3 wherein the first and second opposed ends of the second compressible member are attached to the second portion of the outer edge of the material portion, thereby forming a single arc between the first and second opposed ends of the second compressible member.

6. The collapsible shade of claim 3 wherein the first and second opposed ends of the first compressible member are attached to the first portion of the outer edge of the material portion, thereby forming a single arc between the first and second opposed ends of the first compressible member and the first and second opposed ends of the second compressible member are attached to the second portion of the outer edge of the material portion, thereby forming a single arc between the first and second opposed ends of the second compressible member.

7. The collapsible shade of claim 3 wherein at least one of the compressible members is attached to the outer edge of the material portion at the first and second opposed ends and at a center thereof, thereby forming two arcs between the first and second opposed ends.

8. The collapsible shade of claim 3 wherein the first compressible member is attached to the first portion of the outer edge of the material portion at the first and second opposed ends and at a center of the first compressible member, thereby forming two arcs between the first and second opposed ends of the first compressible member.

9. The collapsible shade of claim 3 wherein the second compressible member is attached to the second portion of the outer edge of the material portion at the first and second

opposed ends and at a center of the second compressible member, thereby forming two arcs between the first and second opposed ends of the second compressible member.

10. The collapsible shade of claim 3 wherein the first compressible member is attached to the first portion of the outer edge of the material portion at the first and second opposed ends and at a center of the first compressible member, and the second compressible member is attached to the lower portion of the outer edge of the material portion at the first and second opposed ends and at a center of the second compressible member, thereby forming two arcs between the first and second opposed ends of both said first and second compressible member.

11. The collapsible shade of claim 3 wherein the first compressible member is attached to the outer edge of the first portion of the material portion at the first and second opposed ends and at a center of the first compressible member, thereby forming two arcs between the first and second opposed ends of the first compressible member and the second compressible member is attached to the outer edge of either the upper or lower portion of the material portion at the first and second opposed ends, thereby forming a single arc between the first and second opposed ends of the second compressible member.

12. The collapsible shade of claim 1 wherein said at least one compressible member is releasably attached to the outer edge of the at least one material portion.

13. The collapsible shade of claim 1 further comprising at least one fastener for attachment of the at least one compressible member to the outer edge of the material portion.

14. The collapsible shade of claim 13 wherein the fastener is a hook and loop fastener.

15. The collapsible shade of claim 13 wherein the fastener is at least one of a crimp or clamp.